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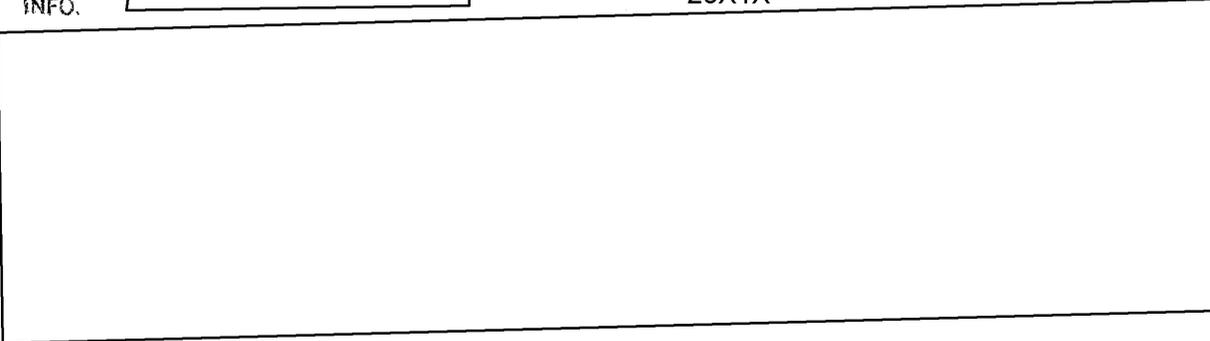
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- Orders for steel profile material in the following dimensions have been placed by the USSR with the Poldina Hut Factory, Chomutov (H51/P02):

Product	Dimensions	Monthly Production Rate
Quadrangular rods	18 mm x 6 mm	5 tons (325 pieces)
Hexangular rods	22 mm x 8 mm	8 tons (260 pieces)
Round rods	30 mm x 6 mm	10 tons (300 pieces)

The round rods are to be used for axles of various types of engines. The material is manufactured according to Soviet specifications. Production is controlled by members of the Soviet commission in the factory.* This material is designated E-ATI 45/95.

- Although the order falls under the provisions of the 1952 production plan, the work was begun in November 1951. The materials used in this order are hardened by means of a new Soviet process, which is reportedly very effective. The hardening bath consists of 10 percent nitric acid, 30 percent pertronat acid (sic), 30 percent of citric acid, 30 percent alkali acid (sic). All the raw material for use in the manufacturing process is imported from Austria.
- The finished products are loaded into closed freight cars under the supervision of a member of the Soviet commission and are transported to Warsaw, Poland. It is not known whether the cars are forwarded from there or not. Some of the cars are Polish.
- A special brigade of 40 soldiers from the 2211 Military Unit at Chomutov was formed early in November 1951 to speed up the work on the Soviet order. Most of these brigade members are experts in the metals industry and are all carefully screened Communists.

Comment: As of December 1951 there were 21 members of the Soviet commission at Poldina Hut.

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